COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF THE NOLIN RURAL)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)
FOR APPROVAL BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY OF A CERTIFICATE) CASE NO. 96-207
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)
CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL PLANT FACILITIES)
ACCORDING TO THE COOPERATIVE'S)
1996-1999 WORK PLAN)

ORDER

Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Nolin") filed its application on May 16, 1996 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct certain improvements and additions to its existing plant at a cost of \$6,462,486. In support of its application, Nolin filed its 1996-1999 Work Plan which describes in detail the improvements and additions to its plant that are required over the next 3 years to serve its load.

Nolin seeks authorization to construct extensions and additions to its plant as follows:

1.	New distribution lines		\$2,046,218
2.	Line conversions		1,431,741
3.	Transformers & Meters		886,868
4.	Service upgrades	<i>;</i>	160,737
5.	Security lights		273,159
6.	Sectionalizing equipment		10,000
7.	Regulators		42,000
8.	Capacitors		4,803
9.	Pole replacements		837,783
10.	Conductor replacements		319,177
11.	Distribution SCADA		450,000
		Total	\$6,462,486

The proposed construction will enable Nolin to continue to provide adequate and dependable electric service to its consumers. The system improvements recommended in this Work Plan will not duplicate existing facilities and are needed to correct voltage problems, improve phase balance, and provide for improved service reliability.

Nolin indicated that it planned to finance the new construction through either the Rural Utilities Service, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, the Federal Financing Bank, or any combination thereof.

Based on the application and supporting 1996-1999 Work Plan, and being advised, the Commission finds that the proposed improvements and additions to be constructed by Nolin are necessary to provide adequate, reliable electric service to existing customers and anticipated new customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Nolin is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the facilities described in its 1996-1999 Work Plan.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of August, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Commissioner